

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF VIETNAMESE PM
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister of Vietnam recently visited India;
- (b) if so, the details of discussion held and the outcome thereof;
- (c) bilateral agreement signed on the occasion; and
- (d) the benefits likely to accrue to India as a result thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) During the delegation level talks, both the Prime Ministers discussed bilateral relations and regional and international issues of mutual interest. A Joint Declaration on Establishing a Strategic Partnership between India and Vietnam and Eight Agreements / MoUs including an MoU on Cooperation in Fisheries and Aquaculture, a Cultural Exchange Programme for the years 2007-2010, a Work Plan in Agricultural Research and Education for 2007-2009, an MoU between the Department of Atomic Energy and the Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam, an MoU for establishing an English Language Training Centre in Danang City, Vietnam, an Educational Exchange Programme, an MoU on the Exchange of Diplomatic Properties and an MoU between Tata Steel and Vietnam Steel Corporation were signed during the visit.

(d) The Agreements and understandings reached during the visit will contribute to a stronger relationship between India and Vietnam, which is in the interest of both countries and will contribute to peace and prosperity in the larger Asian region.